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The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" Sir, my hon. friend is quite right in suggesting that the accounts of exploitation work should be kept separately. We are taking steps to separate these accounts. For some months past we have had trained accountants advising us as to the form in which these accounts should be kept. In the case of the Chenat Nair and the Russellkonda schemes, we have submitted proposals to the Auditor-General for his sanction to bring the projects under what we call the commercial accounts system. As soon as sanction is accorded, the accounts will be drawn up on commercial lines and they will be placed at the disposal of hon. Members of this House."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" May I know, Sir, whether the accounts of the Russellkonda saw mill will be made available to us ? "

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" The new system of keeping accounts has not yet been introduced. It is proposed to introduce it from the beginning of April next. From that date the accounts of these concerns will be kept on the lines approved by the Auditor-General."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" Sir, we were assured that the Russellkonda saw mill was run on business lines ; if so, accounts should have been kept separately on a commercial basis from the very beginning."

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp :—" I do not know if any commercial concern ever thinks of presenting its accounts in less than one year. The first year's accounts of the Russellkonda business will shortly be made up and will be made available in due course."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The question that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding 44·16 lakhs minus 1 lakh under Demand IV.—Forests was put and carried.

The grant was made.

The House then adjourned at 5-20 p.m. to meet at 11 a.m. the next day.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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Appendix C.

[Vide page 2242 supra]

G.O. No. 98, Judicial (Police), dated 1st March 1923.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 15th September 1922 the Council sanctioned a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,674 under "47. Miscellaneous" to meet the cost of granting certain concessions to Police officers and men who worked in connexion with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. One of the items of expenditure included within this grant was the payment of gratuities to the members of the City Police staff at a total cost of Rs. 6,608 on the following scale :—

	RS.
Constables	3 each.
Head constables	4 ,,
Sub-inspectors	20 ,,
Sergeants	25 ,,
Inspectors	30 ,,

The sub-inspectors have now represented that the duties which they had to perform were as responsible and onerous as those of the sergeants, and have requested that they might be granted gratuities on the same scale as those sanctioned to sergeants. The Commissioner of Police in supporting the request points out that according to Police Orders, the status of a sergeant is the same as that of a sub-inspector and that no distinction should therefore be made in the grant of gratuity between these two classes of officers. In the circumstances the Government are pleased to raise the scale of gratuity sanctioned to sub-inspectors in the City Police to Rs. 25.

2 The additional cost involved by the sanctioning of this proposal is Rs. 300. Owing however to an error in calculation, whereby the grant already sanctioned by the Council included provision for gratuities to 301 head constables instead of 201, the sanction will not cause the grant to be exceeded or necessitate any further supplementary grant.

3. Copies of this Government Order will be laid on the Legislative Council table.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

R. A. GRAHAM,
Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.
,, Finance Department.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Inspector-General of Police.
,, Political Department.
,, Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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